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Classification	SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORT OF HOMICIDES, ASSAULTS, OR MISCELLANEOUS INJURIES MONROE SRANNEN, SHERIFF POLK COUNTY, BARTOW, FLORIDA	File Number
MURDER		209313

Name: James Carl Thomas DOB: 3-1-18	Address: 682-5232 Telephone: 1070 New Tampa Hwy., Lakeland
Color-Sex: W/M Age: 54 Occupation:	Where Employed: Self Employed Telephone:
Description of Injury and How Wounded: shot in the area of the head	Condition: Deceased, 9-8-73, 11:00 p.m.
Location Committed: Carl's Furniture & Refinishing, 1070 New Tampa Hwy., Lakeland, Fla.	Date and Time Committed: 9-8-73, about 6:00 p.m. or a little after
Injured Found At: Scene	Found by Whom and Address: D/S Ray Koehler, Hall of Justice
Injured Taken To: Lakeland General Hospital, Lakeland, Fla.	Date and Time: 9-8-73, 6:40 p.m.
Taken By: Imperial Ambulance	Address: Gary Road
Attended By: Emergency Room Personnel	Address: Lakeland General Hospital
Weapon Used: Possible .22 cal.	Where Found:
Weapon Found By:	Address:
Weapon Turned Over To:	Date and Time:
Autopsy By:	Coroner's Doctor:

Witness, Or Commitment By (Name & Address)	Color-Sex	Age	Occupation	Residence	Date	Time	Cause
Willie Jasper Carden	C/M						

Remarks: Additional Description, Scars, Marks, Tattoos, Accessories, Clothing, Clothing Worn, etc.

Cross References: 209312, 209307 and 209306.

Full Reserves Sworn Officers	How	Date	Time	Car Number	Time Arrived
Ray Koehler	Radio	9-8-73	1831	104	1834

Investigating Officer: Sgt. Don Neal

Date and Time Assigned:

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Names Of Witnesses	Addresses	Employed By
Mrs. Edith Hill	3040 New Tampa Hwy. Lakeland	Housewife
Mrs. Helen Turman (48) 8-11-28	3070 New Tampa Hwy. Lakeland, Fla.	

Arrest Record—	Case Number	Date	Arresting Officers

Personal Property On Body Or Possession Of

DETAILED REPORT—Give complete account, including what occurred from moment person of a complaint is to be contacted, in a manner that reveals the circumstances and how the complaint was or was not substantiated, and the reasons and conclusions of the report, stating whether the report does or does not be in a form to be used as evidence and conclusions. Include name of all officers to testify to substantiate a charge of misconduct, failure to effectuate and officer who failed to obtain witnesses.

Mrs. Turman was in her and her husband, James', furniture store, which is located in front of their home at 3070 New Tampa Hwy.; at or about 6:00 p.m., Mr. James Carl Turman, Left to go to the house to the south of the store. This Left Mrs. Helen Turman alone. She went to the back door, south side of store. As Mrs. Turman turned to go back into the store, she found a colored man standing in the hallway. Mrs. Turman stated she could not remember what the subject Looked like or what he was wearing. The subject informed Mrs. Turman that he wanted to buy about $600.00 worth of furniture. Mrs. Turman started to show the subject around the store. They went into what they called the storeroom. At this time, the subject had a gun in his left hand, took Mrs. Turman by the right arm. He was behind her at this time. She turned to her left some and saw a gun in his hand. The subject said at this time, 'do as I tell you and you won't get hurt.' The

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Signature Of Officer

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subject went with Mrs. Turman in tow to the front of the store, northside. Here, the subject closed the overhead door; Mrs. Turman stated the sliding glass door had been closed and locked. Subject must have closed and locked it when he entered. Subject then brought Mrs. Turman to office part of store. Here, the subject or Mrs. Turman opened the cash register and remove the bills from it. Mrs. Turman stated there were about fifteen ones in the register. After subject removed the money again with Mrs. Turman in tow, walked her to the rear of the store, south. This is a small hallway to the rear door. When the subject got Mrs. Turman to this area where the mattress are located, told her to get on the floor. At this time, Mrs. Turman stated her husband, James, started to come in the rear door. At this time, the subject shot his gun once hitting James in some part of his face, stated Mrs. Turman. The subject had Mrs. Turman get on the floor and attempted to put his hand under her dress. At this time, a young man living to the east of the Turman's came running up to the back door. This being a Phillip Arnold (he had worked for the Turman's). As he got to the rear door area, the subject Mrs. Turman stated shot the gun two times at Phillip. Mrs. Turman got off the floor at this time and saw Phillip run to the south down the driveway. The colored subject ran after Phillip. Mrs. Turman at this time left the rear door area to go to the phone and call for help. This being the telephone operator.

Mr. James Carl Turman was at the time Phillip arrived at the rear of the

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store, laying outside the door on the grass.

A witness, Mrs. Edith Hill, stated she saw a subject leave the area in a green late model Chevrolet.

Mr. Turman pronounced dead at 11:00 p.m., 9-6-73, by Dr. J. R. Jackson, Admission Doctor, Lakeland General Hospital.

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Investigating Officers:	Date